

REMARKS

Claims 1–24 are pending in the present application. The Office Action indicates that Claims 1-20 contain allowable subject matter, and that Claims 21-24 are objected to as being a substantial duplicate of Claim 1. In the present response, Claim 22 is herein canceled without prejudice, and Claim 21 is herein amended to incorporate the recitations of Claim 22.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 1-20 contain allowable subject matter. However, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 21-24 are not substantial duplicates of Claim 1. Claim 22 is herein canceled without prejudice, so the objection will only be discussed with reference to Claims 21, 23 and 24.

Claim 21 is not a substantial duplicate at least for the reason that Claim 21, as herein amended, recites a color-developing agent resin composition and an emulsifying agent, wherein the color-developing agent resin composition is emulsified with the emulsifying agent in an emulsifying machine to obtain an oil-in-water emulsion with an average particle size of less than about 1.5 μm . Nowhere in Claim 1, or any of the claims depending from Claim 1, is an emulsifying agent emulsified with the color-developing agent resin composition in an emulsifying machine to obtain an oil-in-water emulsion with an average particle size of less than about 1.5 μm . Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to Claim 21 be withdrawn.

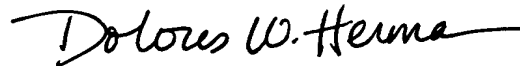
Applicants further submit that Claims 23 and 24 are also not substantial duplicates of Claim 1. Both Claim 23 and Claim 24 depend from Claim 1 and include recitations not present in Claim 1. Further, none of the other claims depending from Claim 1 include these recitations. Claim 23 recites the color-developing agent resin composition of Claim 1, wherein n_2 is an integer from 1-10, and Claim 24 recites the color-developing agent resin composition of Claim 1, wherein n_3 is an integer from 1-10 and n_4 is an integer from 1-10. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to Claims 23 and 24 be withdrawn.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and the same is respectfully requested. Any questions that the Examiner may have regarding this correspondence can be directed to the undersigned attorney who may be reached at (919) 854-1400. Applicants do not believe any fees are due with this response. However, any fees

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